25 October, 1994. However, pursuant to the representations received from primary lending institutions against this decision, SIDBI on 16 December 1994 revised the above mentioned rate of interest on refinance back to 9% with retrospective effect from 25 October, 1994. The rate of interest on refinance of term loans of over Rs. 25,000/- and upto Rs. 2 lakh was also reduced from 11% per annum to 10.5% per annum.

Amount borrowed by Peerless General Finance from Peerless General Finance and Investment

7823. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(i) whether the Peerless General Finance have borrowed any amount from Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, a non-banking financial institution;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the rate of interest paid by Government on such borrowings; and

(d) in which sectors these borrow ing have been diverted indicating the details of return therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBl) has reported that as per information furnished by Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd. (PGFI) to RBl, PGFI has granted loan to State Govts/State Govt. Undertakings at rates of interest varying between 16.5 and 18 per cent.

(d) RBI has reported that no in formation on the use of loans from PGFI is available.

Projects in Kerala and Karnataka assisted by Tourism Finance Corporation

7824. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Finance Corporation had financed tourist hotel projects in Kerala and Karna taka during the last three years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many applications were rejected and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any private consultancy is being engaged for evaluation of project for financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (TFCI) has reported that during the last three years, it received six applications for setting up hotel projects in Kerala and seven applications for setting up hotel pro jects in Karnataka. Out of these applications TFCI fin anced four projects in Kerala and five projects in Karnataka. The remaining applications were rejected by TFCI due to reasons such as pro jects falling within the scope of state level financial institutions, unsatis factory track record of promoters and excess capacity already created at the locations proposed by the promoters.

(c) No Sir.

Prosecution of cloth merchant in Ahmedabad pursuant *to* LT. Raids

7825. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2656 given in the

Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Income Tax authorities are aware of the present whereabouts and business activities of Ramesh Kumar Agarwal, an accused in Criminal Case No. 1806 81 filed by the Income Tax department in the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present position of criminal miscellaneous application No. 145/82 filed by Kantilal Nagar and Ramesh Kumar Agarwal in Gujarat High Court; and

(c) the steps taken by Income Tax Department for expeditious disposal of said criminal miscellaneous application; if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes. Shri Ramesh Kumar Agarwal carries on the business activity of processing of Yarn and Sale thereof at 162, New Cloth Market, Ahmedabad.

(b) The Honourable Gujarat High Court has granted interim relief and stayed the criminal proceedings in criminal misc. application No. 145/82 vide order dated 9-2-82.

(c) The criminal proceedings launched by the Income Tax Depart ment have been stayed by the Honou rable Gujarat High Court since 9-2-82. In view of this, no progress has been made in the case.

Monitoring 'of hotel projects by tourism finance Corporation

7826. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Finance Corporation is monitoring the hotel project financed by the Corporation;

(b) if so, the details of the hotel in different States;

(c) how many hotel projects have been completed in time and how many have been delayed; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Tourism Finance Corporation of India Limited (TFCI) has reported that it monitors all the hotel projects financed by it by way of regular periodical inspection, analysis of operational statements and through the process of recovery of principal and interest dues. TFCI has so far financed 203 hotel projects in various States. State-wise list of hotel projects financed by TFCI is at *Annexed* as Statement. *{See* below).

(c) and (d) TFCI has reported that out of 81 hotel projects financed by it, which have become operational so far, 32 projects have been completed in time. The reasons for delay in completion of the projects inter alia, include inability of the promoters to raise their contribution within the stipulated time, frequent changes in project concept/design, delay in obtaining approval from various Government agencies and delay in supply of various plant and machinery including kitchen equipments.

Statement

State-wise list of hotel protects Finance by TFCI

Name of the State	No. of Hotel Projects
Andhra Pradesh	12
Bihar	3
Goa	10
Gujarat	15